

A meeting of the Florida Trail Riders Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 10:45 am on March 8, 2008 at WyoTech College in Ormond Beach, Florida. The President determined a quorum was present. Roll call was as follows:

Present:	
President	Randy Faul
Vice President:	Brian Morris
Secretary	Tiffany St. John
Treasurer	Allen Pearce
Enduro Chairman	George Tolson
Hare Scrambles Chairman	Joe Steidl
Motocross Chairman	Kevin Carr
Quad Scrambles Chairman	Amanda Fronckowiak
Area Director #1	Will Hardin
Area Director #2	James Benton
Area Director #3	Tony Pavai
Area Director #4	Bob Brown
Area Director #5	David Wildner
Area Director #6	Kerri Chambers
Area Director #7	Larry Kuhn
Area Director #8	Debbie Broderick
Area Director #9	Allen Santor
Area Director #10	George Pollard

Absent:	
Area Director #11	Leonard Santana
Area Director #12	Duke Barwick
Area Director #13	Vacant

Guests:	
Executive Director	Dan George
Land Use Chairman	Jack Terrell

I. Reports of Officers and Committees

Joe Steidl reported that the Hare Scrambles series is going strong. Spark arrestors were the primary focus this year.

George Tolson reported that the Enduro series is also going very well.

Kevin Carr reported the Motocross series has been focusing on Tech Inspection. Attendance is up and the series is going really strong.

Amanda Fronckowiak reported that the Quad Scrambles series has not been doing as well this year. The number of races is up but the gas prices and economy have had a serious impact on the number of participants.

Jack Terrell gave a report from the Land Use Committee. The national forests are instituting designated trail systems, Ocala is in the second phase and Appalachia is just starting. The OHV Advisory Committee has given a grant to Clay County for a riding area. Other areas are also being researched.

Allen Pearce gave the Treasurer's Report. There were losses this past year. A discussion was held about ways to streamline our costs.

Randy Faul shared concerns about the economy and its impact on our organization. FTR needs to be very consciences of our spending. Land has been located for a fun run and a benefit race if the membership and clubs will step up to do the work.

Joe Steidl moved we adjourn for lunch at 12:50 PM. The motion passed.

The President called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present at 1:40 PM.

II. Unfinished Business

None.

III. New Business

Kevin Carr made a motion to accept the following Motocross Competition Committee rule change: Chapter III, General Rules, D. Rider Classification, 1. Motocross,

65 10-11	51-65 cc	10 thru 11*
65 7-9	51-65 cc	7 thru 9*
65 Mod	51-65 cc	7 thru 11*

Change to read -

65 10-12	51-65 cc	10 thru 12*
65 7-9	51-65 cc	7 thru 9*
65 Mod	51-65 cc	7 thru 12*

And Chapter XII, Motocross Championship Series Classes,

65 Mini 10-11

65 Mini 7-9

65 Mod 7-11

Change to read -

65 Mini10-12

65 Mini 7-9

65 Mod 7-12

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Kevin Carr made a motion to accept the following Motocross Competition Committee rule change: Chapter IX, Motocross Rules, C. Event Rules, 9. "Peewee riders at certain tracks, may compete on specially prepared Peewee tracks that are separate from the main track. Peewee riders are not allowed to ride on the track unless accompanied by parent or guardian. During the Peewee races, only one parent is allowed to be on the track for assistance." Change to read - "Peewee riders at certain tracks may compete on specially prepared Peewee tracks that are separate from the main track. Peewee riders are not allowed to ride on the track unless accompanied by parent or guardian. During the Peewee races, no parent will be allowed to be on the track." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe Steidl made a motion to accept the following Hare Scramble Competition Committee rule change:

Chapter III, General Rules, D. Rider Classification, 1. Hare Scrambles,

Mini A	0-85 cc 17-19" wheels	9 thru 14*
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Mini (B, C)	0-85 cc 17" wheels	9 thru 14*
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Change to read -

Mini A	0-85 cc 2-Stroke, 86-150 cc	9 thru 14*
	4-Stroke, 17-19" wheels	

Mini (B,C)	0-85 cc 2-Stroke, 86-150 cc	9 thru 14*
	4-Stroke, 17 wheels	

And Chapter III, General Rules, K. Competition Apparel & Equipment, 6. Equipment, Hare Scrambles,

0-85 cc Mini A, B, C

Change to read -

0-85 cc 2 Stroke, 86-150 cc 4 Stroke Mini A, B, C

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe Steidl made a motion to accept the following Hare Scramble Competition Committee rule change: Chapter VIII, Hare Scrambles Responsibilities, D. Committee, 6. "All rules for the next Hare Scrambles season will be brought to the floor, printed in the magazine, reviewed by the members and then voted on and passed at or prior to the Hare Scrambles sanction meeting." Change to read - "All rules for the next Hare Scrambles season will be brought to the floor, printed in the magazine, reviewed by the members and then voted on at any time as long as the requirements of Constitutional Article XIV, Section F can be met (publication in the magazine and approval by the Board of Directors)." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe Steidl made a motion to accept the following Hare Scramble Competition Committee rule change: Chapter VI, Hare Scrambles Rules, B. Course, Add "6. Mile markers are mandatory at each mile." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe Steidl made a motion to accept the following Hare Scramble Competition Committee rule change:
Chapter III, General Rules, D. Rider Classification, 1. Hare Scrambles,

Golden Girls 0-Open cc 4 wheels 40*/Above

Change to read –

Women Vet 0-Open cc 4 wheels 35*/Above

And Chapter III, General Rules, K. Competition Apparel & Equipment, 6. Equipment, Hare Scrambles,

0-Open cc Golden Girl Quad

Change to read –

0-Open cc Women Vet

And Chapter VI, Hare Scramble Rules, C. Event Rules, 2. Saturday Race Schedule, Race 6, Row 9,

“Golden Girls Quad” change to read – “Women Vet”.

And Chapter VIII, Hare Scrambles Responsibilities, B. Riders, 3.,

Golden Girls Quad Blue G

Change to read -

Women Vet Blue V

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Allen Pearce made a motion to accept the following Constitutional change: Chapter I, Constitution, Article IX,

“All elective offices shall be filled at an annual election to be held not later than November of each year. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold their offices for two years. All other elected positions shall hold their offices for one year. All new terms will commence January 1 following the election. Impeachment can only be accomplished by a two-thirds majority secret ballot vote of the General Membership by mail and will be called for by a three-quarters majority secret ballot vote of the Board of Directors.” Change to read – “An annual election shall be held in November of each year. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold their offices for two years. All other elected positions shall hold their offices for one year. All new terms will commence January 1 following the annual election. Should an annual election be determined to be invalid, the expiring terms will be extended for 90 days or until a new election can be held, whichever occurs first. Impeachment can only be accomplished by a two-thirds majority secret ballot vote of the General Membership by mail and will be called for by a three-quarters majority secret ballot vote of the Board of Directors.”

Any officer found guilty of financial gain by way of their FTR position shall be subject to impeachment.

“An Election Committee of four persons will be appointed to oversee the election process and to announce the winning candidates. One Election Committee member shall be appointed by each of the following: Hare Scrambles Committee; Enduro Committee; Motocross Committee; and the Board of Directors. The Board of Director's appointee shall act as the Election Committee Chairman. An Election Committee member must not be a candidate for elective office.” Change to read – “An Election Committee of five persons will be appointed to oversee the election process and to announce the winning candidates. One Election Committee member shall be appointed by each of the following: Hare Scrambles Committee; Enduro Committee; Motocross Committee; Quad Scrambles Committee; and the Board of Directors. The Board of Director's appointee shall act as the Election Committee Chairman. Should a competition committee fail to appoint an Election Committee member, the referee for that series will serve as the appointee. Should the Board of Directors fail to appoint an Election Committee member, the Executive Committee shall appoint one. An Election Committee member must not be a candidate for elective office.”

Balloting procedures, supervised by the Election Committee, shall be as follows:

“1. An official ballot will be inserted in the two FTR magazines prior to the election month (October and November issues). This ballot will be an INSERT and will require the member's name and FTR number. The only mail-in ballots accepted will be those mailed to the specified address.” Change to read – “1. For the annual election, a request for nominations will be published in the FTR magazine and on the FTR website at least 60 days before the official ballot is published. Nominations must be sent to the Executive Director for inclusion on the official ballot. Nominations must be received by the Executive Director by the closing date of the October issue of the FTR magazine to be included on the official ballot. An official ballot will be inserted in the FTR magazine and on the FTR website at least 45 days prior to the end of the election month (October issue). It is recommended that the ballot be inserted in the election month issue of the magazine also.”

"2. At the last FTR sanctioned Hare Scrambles, the last FTR sanctioned Enduro, the last FTR sanctioned Motocross and the last FTR sanctioned Quad Scrambles preceding the first day of the election month, the Election Committee will provide ballots and a sealed ballot box at the event sign-up table. FTR members at the event will be encouraged to vote at that event (provided they have not previously mailed ballots). The ballot box will be continuously supervised by a member of the election committee and will not be opened until the initial ballot count." Delete this paragraph in its entirety and replace with - "2. The ballot in the FTR magazine will be an INSERT with the address the ballot is to be mailed to clearly indicated as agreed to by the Election Committee. The ballot on the FTR website will clearly indicate the address the ballot is to be mailed, as agreed to by the Election Committee. The official ballot must require the member's name, FTR number, and the member's signature. The only ballots accepted will be the official ballot mailed to this address, containing the required information and signed by the member."

"3. The official ballot count will be made at the earliest opportunity following the first day of the election month. The FTR Executive Director will provide a current FTR membership list (as of the election month). All ballots will be compared against the membership list for validity. Only members in good standing as of the election month will be allowed to vote. (Voting rights of members are indicated in Chapter II.) The Executive Director will be notified of the results immediately following the final vote count. It will be the duty of the Executive Director to publicize the election results." Change to read - "3. The official ballot count will be made at the earliest opportunity following the last day of the election month. The FTR Executive Director will provide a current FTR membership list (as of the end of the election month). All ballots will be compared against the membership list for validity. Only members in good standing as of the election month will be allowed to vote. (Voting rights of members are indicated in Chapter II.) The Executive Director will be notified of the results immediately following the final vote count. It will be the duty of the Executive Director to publicize the election results."

"4. In the event of a tie, a run-off will be held. The individuals with the 2 highest vote counts will be placed on a ballot inserted into the FTR magazine in the subsequent month. The candidate who garners the highest number of votes in the run-off will be considered the winner and will assume the position in question." Change to read - "4. In the event of a tie, a run-off will be held. The individuals with the 2 highest vote counts will be placed on an official ballot inserted into the FTR magazine in the subsequent month and on the FTR website. The candidate who garners the highest number of votes in the run-off will be considered the winner and will assume the position in question. Balloting procedures specified in paragraphs 2. and 3. above shall apply."

"5. In the event that a position on the Executive Committee is unfilled due to the resignation of an officer, a separate election will be held to fill the vacancy. The Executive Director will publicize the vacancy, accept nominations, and place an official ballot in the immediately subsequent FTR magazine issue calling for a vote by the general membership. The votes will be sent to the Election Committee for tabulation." Change to read - "5. In the event that an elected position on the Executive Committee is unfilled due to the resignation, death, incapacity, or impeachment of an officer, a separate election will be held to fill the vacancy. Incapacity of an elected member of the Executive Committee may only be made by a two thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee. The Executive Director will publicize the vacancy, accept nominations, and place an official ballot in the immediately subsequent FTR magazine issue and on the FTR website calling for a vote by the general membership. Balloting procedures specified in paragraphs 2. and 3. above shall apply."

And, add the following -

6. In the event an election is determined to be invalid, a new election month shall be declared by the Executive Committee and an official ballot shall be placed in the immediately subsequent FTR magazine issue and on the FTR website calling for a vote by the general membership. Balloting procedures specified in paragraphs 2. and 3. above shall apply.

7. With all elections, a direct mail-out of the official ballot by first class mail to the general membership may be substituted for the insertion of the official ballot in the FTR magazine. Said direct mail-out may only be done with approval of the Executive Committee.

Protest of the results or validity of an election may only be made by a candidate for office and must be made no later than 10 days following notification of the results of the election. The protest must be in writing (email is acceptable) to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will immediately notify the Executive Committee of the protest. The Executive Committee will have 10 days to rule on the protest.
The motion was seconded and passed.

Joe Steidl made a motion to accept the following General Rules change: Chapter III, General Rules, Add "G. Worked Run Credits, 1. All issues regarding Worked Run credits must be submitted no later than the first of the month after the race results are published in the Magazine, or the date specified in any special mailing". Change current G. to H., H. to I., and so on.

Dan George made a motion to accept the following General Rules change: Chapter III, General Rules, G. Year-End Awards, 2. "f. All Beginner Enduro riders with 3 top 5 finishes receive a first place year-end trophy. No jacket is awarded." Delete this paragraph in its entirety. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dan George made a motion to accept the following General Rules change: Chapter III, General Rules, G. Year-End Awards, 4. "A. A rider must score points in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, including a worked run, where applicable. If no one in the class scores in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, no one in the class gets an award. Riders who score in less than 50% of the sanctioned events will always be awarded lower final standings than those riders who participate in the required number of events, regardless of points earned." Change to read – "A. A rider must score points in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, including a worked run, where applicable. If fewer than 5 riders in the class score in at least 50% of the sanctioned events, no one in the class gets an award. Trophies will be awarded only to the riders who scored in at least 50% of the sanctioned events and earned more points than the first rider who did not score in at least 50% of the sanctioned events. For example, in a 10 race series, if a rider who scored in only 4 races earns enough points in the 4 races to finish in 4th place in the class standings, trophies will only be awarded through 3rd place, even if riders who competed in 5 or more races earned enough points to place in 5th, 6th, etc." The motion was seconded and failed

Allen Pearce moved that we adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Tiffany St. John,
Secretary,
Florida Trail Riders